



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents
United States Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

WITHERS & KEYS LLC
PO BOX 71355
MARIETTA, GA 30007-1355

COPY MAILED

MAY 11 2005

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of
Jess Baker, et al.
Application No. 09/965,398
Filed: September 28, 2001
Attorney Docket No. BS01-231

DECISION ON PETITION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

This is a decision on the petition, filed November 15, 2004, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) to revive the instant nonprovisional application for failure to timely notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark (USPTO) of the filing of an application in a foreign country, or under a multinational treaty that requires publication of applications eighteen months after filing. See 37 CFR 1.137(f).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner states that the instant nonprovisional application is the subject of an application filed in an eighteen months publication country on September 27, 2002. However, the USPTO was unintentionally not notified of this filing within 45 days subsequent to the filing of the subject application in an eighteen months publication country.

In view of the above, this application became abandoned pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) and 37 CFR 1.213(c) for failure to timely notify the Office of the filing of an application in a foreign country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing.

A petition to revive an application abandoned pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) for failure to notify the USPTO of a foreign filing must be accompanied by:

- (1) the required reply which is met by the notification of such filing in a foreign country or under a multinational treaty;
- (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); and
- (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date of the reply until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional.

The instant petition has been found to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.137(b). Accordingly, the failure to timely notify the USPTO of a foreign or international filing within 45 days after the date of filing of such foreign or international application as provided by 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) and 37 CFR 1.213(c) is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

The Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i) has been previously rescinded.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3229.

This application matter is being forwarded to Technology Center Art Unit 2642 for examination in due course.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Retta Williams".

Retta Williams
Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions
Office of the Deputy Commissioner
for Patent Examination Policy